

House Resolution 2008

By: Representative Mangham of the 94<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Donald Duke; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, there is a bond of friendship between the citizens of Georgia and Nigeria, and  
3 the people of Georgia welcome opportunities to grow our already deep relationship at all  
4 levels, including cultural, academic, and business; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Donald Duke has long been recognized for his role in leadership and his  
6 deep personal commitment to fostering diplomatic relationships with countries around the  
7 world; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Duke earned a L.L.B. degree from Ahmadu Bello University in Nigeria,  
9 a B.L. degree from the Nigerian Law School, and a L.L.M. in business law and admiralty  
10 from the University of Pennsylvania; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as Governor of Cross River State, Nigeria, from 1999 to 2007,  
12 providing honorable service, vision, and leadership to the people of Nigeria; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Duke has made numerous, lasting contributions to the fields of agriculture,  
14 urban development, government, environment, information and communication, investment  
15 drive, and tourism; and

16 WHEREAS, he established the Obudu Ranch International Mountain Race which has grown  
17 to become one of the most successful and lucrative mountain running competitions in the  
18 world; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
20 this distinguished gentleman be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body commend Mr. Donald Duke for his effective, efficient, and selfless  
23 public service and recognize his unyielding commitment to the people of Nigeria.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Donald Duke.